

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 9/1, 10/9/1, 12/1, 18/1, 19/1, 20/1, 21/1, 22, 24, 27, 29, 40/22, 41/40/22, 43/22 and 45/22-49/22 stand finally rejected and are the subject of this Appeal. Claims 5-8, 9/5, 11/5-21/5, 30-39 and 40/30-49/30 are allowed and claims 11/1, 13/1-16/1, 23/22, 25/22, 26/22, 28/22, 42/22 and 44/22 are objected to but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicants have rewritten the claims such that each rejected independent claim has either been incorporated into an allowable dependent claim, or the allowable dependent claim has been incorporated into a rejected independent claim.

Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 11/1. Claim 11 has been canceled.

Allowable dependent claims 13/1 has been rewritten into independent form.

Independent claim 22 has been incorporated into allowable claim 23/22 and claim 22 has been canceled.

Claims 24, 27, 29, 40 and 42-49 have been amended to change their dependencies from claim 22 to claim 23.

It is respectfully submitted that this placed the application in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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